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- (b) a shaft that is affixed on one end to the mount and on the other end to the clamp, such that the clamp rotates in 360 degrees;
 - (c) a tray that is affixed to the table;
 - (d) a track that is disposed in the tray, the track guiding the mount such that the mount slidably translates from the front to the rear of the table; and
 - (e) a plunger that fixes the mount to the shaft when a desired rotational position of the clamp is reached.

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16. [TWICE AMENDED] The clamp of claim 13, in combination with:

- (a) a table;
- (b) a mount;
- (c) a shaft that is affixed on one end to the mount and on the other end to the clamp, such that the clamp rotates in 360 degrees;
- (d) a tray that is affixed to the table;
- (e) a track that is disposed in the tray, the track guiding the mount such that the mount slidably translates from the front to the rear of the table; and
- (f) a plunger that fixes the mount to the shaft when a desired rotational position of the clamp is reached.

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25. [AMENDED] The apparatus of claim 5, wherein a cutting device is disposed on the table such that one end of the linear member is applied to the cutting device, cutting off the end of the linear member and wherein the mount translates to the forward edge of the table allowing the clamp to be rotated 180 degrees and translating the mount toward the rear of the table thereby applying the second end of the linear member to the cutting device and cutting off the second end of the linear member.

REMARKS

The Office required an election between the Claims of Group I and Group II. The election was required because the conditional language used in Group I erroneously gave the impression that the Claims of Group I and Group II are distinct. The Claims of Group I have been amended to delete the conditional language and to positively recite the relationship between the elements as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, the claims of Groups I and II are not distinct and the restriction is traversed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.